

REMARKS

The drawing of the application appears in the PCT publication that constitutes the original application papers for the application. A copy of the PCT publication was filed October 6, 2005. The drawing of the application is acceptable, because from PCT.

The claims are amended above as required to be less narrative. Such amendments are non-narrowing and, therefore, do not invoke any Festo-like limitations even though extensive.

The rejection of the claims under 35 USC 103 for obviousness from the cited Allread, et al. patent overlooks the purpose of the claimed invention described already from page 1, line 10, of the specification. Motor vehicle air conditioning system ducting, as claimed, should prevent transmission of vibrations and pressure pulsations from the engine and its compressor to the heat exchanger (and, thereby, passengers) on the body of the motor vehicle.

As described already in the Abstract of the Allread, et al. patent, this had been done by using hosing for the ducting which the patent would make rigid tubing with couplings. As described at column 3, lines 52-54, the rigid tubing requires connections by flexible connectors 30 for its vibration/pulsation transmission prevention. The flexible connectors preferably include resilient, polymeric O-rings according to column 6, line, 51.

In the claimed invention, instead, the ducting, including couplings thereof, is metallic substance, the invention finding that limiting the diameter of such ducting, which includes a curve, provides the desired vibration/pulsation transmission prevention. Therefore, the patent neither disclosed nor suggests the claimed invention, as required for the rejection. Indeed, the preferred polymeric couplings of the patent teach away from the invention.

**PRIOR ART MUST BE CONSIDERED IN ITS
ENTIRETY, INCLUDING DISCLOSURES THAT
TEACH AWAY FROM THE CLAIMS *MPEP* 2141.02 VI
(emphasis original)**

Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, requested.



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